



MEDIA ADVISORY

The Ministry of Water and Sanitation will conduct oversight inspections of bulk water infrastructure projects in Capricorn and Sekhukhune Districts in Limpopo Province

24 April 2024

The Ministry of Water and Sanitation, led by Minister Senzo Mchunu will conduct a two-day oversight inspections of bulk water infrastructure projects that are currently being implemented in parts of Lebowakgomo and Burgersfort in Limpopo, as a means to augment water supply to communities affected by water shortages.

Minister Mchunu, together with Deputy Ministers, David Mahlobo and Judith Tshabalala, accompanied by provincial and local leadership, will keep their sleeves rolled up and boots muddied at the Olifantspoort and Ebenezer Water Supply Scheme Refurbishment and Upgrade Project on **Thursday, 25 April 2024**, which is meant to increase water provision to more than 370 000 households (within the Lepelle-Nkumpi and Polokwane Local Municipalities within the Capricorn District) through effective upgrading of infrastructure to help minimise pipeline bursts and ensure uninterrupted pumpstation operations.

The project is implemented by the Department of Water and Sanitation entity, Lepelle Northern Water, and is expected to create 1, 200 jobs during the construction phase of the project and a further 90 jobs on completion of the project.

On **Friday, 26 April 2024**, the Ministry will conclude the project inspections at the R24 billion Olifants Management Model (OMM) Programme's Spitskop Pump Station in Steelpoort and engage members of the community (the Sekhukhune District) to provide progress reports of bulk water projects implemented.

The Ministry will be joined by the water utility, Lepelle Northern Water's leadership, as well as a delegation from the Sekhukhune District Municipality and the Lebalelo Water User Association.

Members of the media are invited to the event as follows:

DAY 1: 25 APRIL 2024 (THURSDAY)

SESSION 1 : **Project site inspection at Olifantspoort/Ebenezer**
VENUE : Lebowakgomo Pump Station 2 and the Specon Reservoir
TIME : 09:00 – 12:00

Session 2 : Community Engagement
VENUE : Lebowakgomo Zone S Phase 3 Sportsground
TIME : 12:30 – 14:30

DAY 2: 26 APRIL 2024 (FRIDAY)

SESSION 1 : Project site inspection at the Spitskop Pump Station
VENUE : Steelpoort
TIME : 09:00 – 11:00

Session 2 : Ministerial Meeting with Sekhukhune District Municipality and Lebalelo Water User Association
VENUE : Thaba Moshate Hotel
TIME : 12:40 – 14:00

Session 3 : Project site inspection of the Mooihoek Water Treatment Works
VENUE : Mooihoek
TIME : 14:20 – 15:00

Session 4 : Community Engagement
VENUE : Ga- Maroga Community Hall
TIME : 15:00 – 17:00

***NB Please note that there will be media doorstep at all the site visits**

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